

## Mortality Data (Continued)

- ⇒ **Motor Vehicle Accidental Deaths** (1995) accounted for 53% of deaths occurring by accident or adverse effects statewide and 60% in Humphreys County. However, from 1993-1995 the county's MVA death rates were the 10<sup>th</sup> highest in the State (averaging 7 per year); the county rate is 104% higher than the State rate and 201% higher than the Year 2000 National Objective (16.8 deaths per 100,000 population). Since 1984, the MVA death rate has been highest in the 15-24 age group. Statewide statistics (1995) show the 15-24 age group MVA death rates are the highest (48.5 per 100,000). Humphreys County death rate of 156.6 per 100,000 population in this age group represents a 223% differential from the State rate in the 15-24 age group. There were 3 MVA deaths in this age group in 1995.
- ⇒ **Nonmotor Vehicle Accidental Deaths** represent 47% of statewide deaths and 40% of county deaths from accidents or adverse effects (1995). The county rate in this category is 125% above the State rate. The 25-44 age group has the highest NVA death rate in the county for 1995 (141.5 per 100,000 population). This rate is 718% above the state rate for this age group. There were 6 NMVA deaths in this age group.

- **Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease And Allied Conditions** are the fifth leading cause of death in the State and the county (1995). The county rate of death from this cause is 31% below the State rate.
- **Violent Death Rates** (homicides and suicides) in the county were 30% lower in the county when compared to the State during the 1992-1994 period. The latest available data (1993-1995) for these categories follows:

- ⇒ The **Homicide** rate in the county is 40% higher than the Region but 26% lower than the State rate. The three year average (1993-1995) for Humphreys County is one (1) homicide per year. The county rate is 22% higher than the Year 2000 National Objective (7.2 deaths per 100,000 population).
- ⇒ The **Suicide** rate in the county is 71% higher than the Region and 56% higher than the State rate. The county rate is among the 12<sup>th</sup> highest in the State. The county rate is 89% above the Year 2000 National Objective (10.5 deaths per 100,000 population). Currently the most promising approach to suicide prevention is the early identification and treatment of persons suffering from mental disorders.
- ⇒ In the "1995 KIDS COUNT" material from the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth, the **Teen Violent Death Rate** (Ages 15-19) in Humphreys County is 0 due to no violent deaths in 1994. It should be noted that the leading cause of teen violent death is motor vehicle accidents. The second leading cause of teen violent death is firearm related deaths.